Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard, and reserve forces with their roots tracing back to 1899; and,

Whereas, The VFW was built on, and operates today, with these core values – members interest, collaboration with partners, patriotism, military service, and care of veterans and their families; and,

Whereas, Year after year these South Dakota Posts and Auxiliaries continue to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and,

Whereas, Leaders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Department of the Dakotas will gather in Pierre, South Dakota, June 22-23, 2017, for their 87th state convention and will highlight the accomplishments of their 57 posts with 9,215 members, and 43 auxiliary units with 6,074 members; and,

Whereas, In 2016, Dennis Sharp was named the VFW State Commander and has committed over 27 years of dedicated service to the VFW and its members; and,

Whereas, In 2016, Karen Sharp was named the VFW State Auxiliary President and has committed over 25 years of dedicated service to the VFW, the auxiliaries, and its members:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2017, as

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State